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## RECORD OF DEATHS.

### Sketches of the Lives of Persons Who Have Recently Passed Away.

**Mrs. REBECCA UNGER.**  
Rebecca Everts Unger, of Samuel Unger, died at Spokane, Washington, March 18, 1917, aged 71 years, 8 months, and 21 days.

Unger, a daughter of Everts, was born on the Everts farm, now the Mrs. Jonas Mellott, near the school house in Belknap, June 19, 1831. She grew to womanhood on the day of October, 1849, married to Samuel Unger, of the late Henry Unger of Ayr township, this county. For a few years after marriage she and her husband lived in with her parents on the old home farm. Her husband, Samuel Unger, devoted member of the Church, and established the first Sunday school in this township, holding the same in his home on Sunday afternoons. One of the "scholarships" that school was the precursor of the NEWS, then 12 years of age.

She was the youngest of five children, and the last survivor of her family. To Mr. and Mrs. Unger, ten children were born, of whom survive her, Mrs. Belle Thompson, of Idaho; Mrs. Virginia, of Gallup, New Mex.; and S. M., Spokane, Wash.; and William T., of Ill. She had 12 grand-children and 18 great-grand-children in this county, and one in the County.

The family removed to Ayr township, Ill. Her husband, a Civil War Veteran, died in Ayr, Ill., in October, 1908. She continued to reside in Ayr until nine years ago, when she went to Spokane. Five years she lived in Couer d'Alene, Idaho; the balance of her life with her two sons in Ayr. She had never had any illness, and was as active up to within a few days of her death. For many years she had been a member of the U. S. Army Relief Corps, and to the U. S. Army Relief Corps. She had a host of friends who will miss her. Grandson, William T., was a consistent member of the church and died in the faith.

**Mrs. N. WITTER.**  
A few days illness of Mrs. N. Witter, Esq., of Fulton County's most prominent citizens, passed away at Waterfall, this county, Saturday, aged about 62. The funeral took place on Sunday and interment was made in the cemetery at Center church. The son of Joseph Witter, a younger days taught mercantile business, and enjoyed the confidence of a large number of friends.

**Mrs. HEISEL.**  
Mrs. Harry Heisel, of Ayr, were greatly shocked when they awoke on the morning, March 25, 1917, to find their three months' old baby had gone to its rest in apparently the same way. The funeral took place following Tuesday and interment was made in the cemetery. The papers express the sympathy of their friends.

**Mrs. FITTERTY.**  
Mrs. Fitterty, aged 4 years, died at Big Cove Tannery, March 27, of pneumonia arising from an attack of influenza. The funeral took place Thursday and interment in Union cemetery.

## April Fools Day

You could never make the kids of former days think that April Fools Day was one of the minor occasions of the year. They looked forward to it as almost next to July Fourth. They planned elaborate hoaxes and conducted campaigns for the befuddling of older and wiser heads. For once in the year they felt abreast of the grown-ups, being able thus to deceive and make game of them.

Most women set out in the morning to fool their husbands as the first business of the day, and commonly they succeeded. The newspapers printed elaborate accounts of traditional hoaxes like placards attached to people's backs marked April Fool, wool doughnuts fried in brown fat looking exactly like the real thing, etc. These were beyond the capacity of the children, who contented themselves with minor stunts like calling attention to some imaginary bird in the neighborhood.

The humorists of every age have their own methods, which change from time to time. Practical jokes are not so common as they used to be. Wit and humor becomes more refined. People with a humorous turn enjoy jollying others matching wits and poking fun at them. They like tripping them up in conversation and repartee, rather than making them physically ridiculous.

These modern forms of humor are more subtle and are often just as irritating to the sensitive victim. Fun making is the spice of life. People who can't take their part and accept joking on themselves good naturedly, are bound to be as uncomfortable as the old timer who had the placard stuck on his back on the first day of April.

### Mellott-Kirk.

At 5:30 o'clock, Monday evening, March 26, 1917, Miss Effie Pauline Kirk was united in wedlock with Lester R. Mellott, by Rev. A. Lincoln Frank, at the Methodist Episcopal manse, Mt. Holly Springs, Pa.

The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. and Mrs. Nevin M. Kirk, a merchant at Hustontown, Pa., and she is a beautiful and accomplished young lady, the sister of Mrs. Frank. Mr. Mellott is, also, of Hustontown and is the son of a prosperous farmer. He is a graduate of Pennsylvania State College and is at present engaged with the branch of the National Dairy located at Grove City, Pa.

The happy couple returned to their home Tuesday, via Chambersburg and McConnellsburg, to spend a few days with their friends before taking up their residence in a new home now in preparation in Grove City.

A host of friends join in congratulations and in wishing them a long and happy life.

### One Hundred Dollars and Costs.

A few evenings ago, an automobile party of four men arrived at the Fulton House from Greensburg. After refreshing themselves, they retired to Harris's Hotel, a dry house for rest. Their rest, however, was disturbed about two o'clock next morning, when Officers Gienger and O'Shea arrived from Everett with a warrant for the arrest of the sports on information of Charles Cox, a caretaker on the State Highway, charging that the driver was running a car while intoxicated. The party was taken back to Everett, where the owner and driver, John J. Lynch was fined one hundred dollars and costs. A hearing was set for the following Wednesday before Squire Ritchey, but Lynch sent the hundred dollars to the State Highway Department at Harrisburg.

Miss Bessie Nesbit spent last Saturday in Chambersburg.

## March Honor Roll.

Owing to the fact that many of our subscribers during the winter months when they did not have a great deal to think of, advanced their subscription to the NEWS so that when the good old summer time would come they would not have the thought weighing on their minds that they were behind with the printer—they just paid their subscription ahead, and so, during March there were not many to pay.

Congress has just declared that a state of war exists between the United States and Germany. The President has asked for five hundred thousand men, and we are likely to have exciting times during the next year. Daily papers have gone out of sight in price, and busy people will want to depend upon their home papers to keep them posted on what is going on, not only at home, but abroad as well.

The NEWS will make a special effort to keep its readers posted up to the minute on war doings. We want that our readers shall read every page, and if they do that they will keep abreast of the times. The NEWS does not have so many pages as to be cumbersome, and yet, as many as most people have time to read. Everybody that does not take the NEWS ought to subscribe just now. You had might as well try to keep house without bread, as to try to get along without keeping in touch with the stirring events of the day.

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| Crosby, Mrs. E. B.  | 9 10 17  |
| Covalt, Eli         | 4 5 18   |
| Crist, Bundy O.     | 3 18 18  |
| Corbin, A. M.       | 9 20 17  |
| Carbaugh, E. W.     | 3 1 18   |
| Clevenger, Erra     | 4 1 17   |
| Deshong, A. E.      | 5 8 19   |
| Denisar, Miss Grace | 3 1 19   |
| Daniels, Andrew     | 9 14 18  |
| Fryman, James       | 9 21 18  |
| Fields, W. L.       | 4 1 18   |
| Gobin, C. E.        | 4 13 18  |
| Hendershot, E. W.   | 3 13 18  |
| Hughes, Mrs. Rachel | 3 9 17   |
| Hawk, Wilbur D.     | 3 8 18   |
| Johnson, James      | 3 21 18  |
| Knable, Newt J.     | 9 6 17   |
| Kelner, Wm.         | 1 24 18  |
| Kesseling E. O.     | 5 20 18  |
| Kegarise, Scott     | 10 1 18  |
| Lake, Rebecca       | 4 14 18  |
| Lynch, Mrs. W. C.   | 3 1 18   |
| Lowery, Joseph      | 10 23 18 |
| Lee, James          | 3 8 17   |
| Lamberson, Jennie   | 5 1 17   |
| Lamberson, Mary C.  | 4 1 18   |
| Laidig, G. Mac      | 4 1 18   |
| Lynch, F. P.        | 9 21 17  |
| Miller, D. J.       | 7 1 18   |
| Mellott, Milton     | 4 5 18   |
| Mellott, T. S.      | 5 8 18   |
| Price, Mrs. D. B.   | 2 5 18   |
| Peck, E. M.         | 9 27 18  |
| Peck, J. A.         | 4 1 18   |
| Palmer, H. P.       | 3 22 17  |
| Reed, Wm.           | 4 1 18   |
| Runyan, Scott       | 2 15 18  |
| Rice, J. W.         | 4 14 18  |
| Schooley, R. Y.     | 4 1 18   |
| Shimer, John H.     | 4 15 19  |
| Seville, A. M.      | 3 15 18  |
| Sigel, Joab         | 2 1 18   |
| Shoemaker, Grant    | 4 4 17   |
| Souders, Harry      | 3 19 18  |
| Secrist, John       | 5 16 18  |
| Klotz, Mrs. John    | 8 26 17  |
| Wible, H. O.        | 5 1 17   |
| Walters, J. B.      | 4 27 19  |
| Williams, John      | 3 20 18  |

**Catchall-Mellott**  
Chalmers Catchall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Catchall, of the T. F. Sloan farm in Ayr township, was married to Miss Minerva Mellott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rowe Mellott, of Big Cove Tannery in McConnellsburg on Wednesday of last week by Rev. C. F. Jacobs, of the Lutheran Church. The bride and groom are excellent young people and have the best wishes of a large circle of friends for happiness and prosperity. They will be at home to their friends on the D. M. Kendall farm.

Harvey Laidig and Frank Deaver, of Hustontown, motored to McConnellsburg last Friday.

## Fulton County Fire Wardens.

The following list of forest fire wardens for Fulton county was issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Forestry to-day. It takes account of all changes to March 15th, 1917. The Department is conducting a strenuous campaign to reduce the area burned over by forest fires in Pennsylvania. The publication of these lists is part of the campaign. Every reader of this paper is interested in keeping Pennsylvania beautiful and productive, and therefore in preventing and extinguishing forest fires. Clip this list and post it in a convenient place, and when you see a forest fire notify the nearest fire warden immediately.

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| D. L. Alexander, McConnellsburg  | Leslie Harr.                     |
| Samuel Mellott, Webster Mills.   | Harvey J. Unger, Cito.           |
| J. Frank Hess, Warfordsburg, R1  | Andrew Bishop.                   |
| W. C. Carnell.                   | Alfred Schetrompf.               |
| Milton Mellott, Needmore, R 2.   | B. A. Truax.                     |
| E. V. Mellott.                   | Edgar A. Diehl, Locust Grove.    |
| N. J. Hixson, Crystal Springs.   | H. M. Jackson, Akersville.       |
| W. H. Williams.                  | Anthony Sando, Emmaville.        |
| Elmer E. Fraker, Fort Littleton. | James E. Shore, Burnt Cabins.    |
| R. R. Hans, Saluvia.             | Thomas Morton, Andover.          |
| W. G. Bergstresser, Waterfall.   | S. S. Strait.                    |
| J. V. Deaver, Laidig.            | Ross B. King, Hustontown.        |
| A. B. Gordon, Plum Run.          | Fulton Gordon, Dickey's Mountain |
| J. V. Carlin, Metal.             | John Forney, Knobsville.         |
| Enoch Kerlin.                    | W. H. Carnell, Amaranth.         |
| John Hammann, Buck Valley.       | Buhrman Stable.                  |
| Clem Lehman, Lashley.            | H. E. Bridenstine, Enid.         |
| A. H. Stevens.                   | Albert Helsel, Wells Tannery.    |
| A. D. Keith, New Grenada.        | Alfred E. Rupp, Forester, Fort   |
| Loudon.                          |                                  |

### Praise Altonna Schools.

Hon. M. J. Greevey, of Omaha Neb., who is visiting his brother Thomas H. Greevy, the prominent attorney, after a thorough inspection of the local high school yesterday, pronounced it the finest technical high school on the North American continent.

Mr. Greevy, who was for two years secretary of the Nebraska state senate and is a prominent political figure in his home state has journeyed over practically the entire continent, and being interested in school work, visited many of the leading institutions of the country.

Professor W. F. Kirk, principal of the Clearfield high school spent the entire day at the local institution yesterday, and accompanied by Superintendent H. H. Baish, inspected all departments. George Mincemoyer Superintendent of the Renovo public schools, visited the elementary schools of the city yesterday. Both educators were loud in their praise of the methods used and results obtained here.

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## State Agricultural Notes.

It is reported that the frost penetrated the ground to an unusual depth during the winter, as much as five and six feet in some places.

The scarcity of female household help has decreased the number employed on the farms of the State during the past year almost two thousand.

Westmoreland county ranks first in the number of pure bred stallions on the farms and Washington county leads in the number of pure bred bulls, boars and rams.

There has been a marked increase in the number of pure bred bulls in the State during the past year, estimate making the total now 9,700 as compared with 8,890 a year ago. There has been a more general interest in dairying throughout the State.

Approximately fifty per cent. of the farmers in Pennsylvania are using lime for agricultural purposes. Reports indicate that farmers generally are pleased with the results obtained from the increased use of lime and the tendency seems to be to use still more.

It is estimated that Pennsylvania farmers held on March 1 a total of 16,965,900 bushels of corn, almost five million bushels less than during the past two years at that time.

It is estimated that seven per cent more of the 1916 wheat crop was shipped out of counties where it was grown than in 1915. This represents almost two millions bushels.

It is estimated that the 1916 potato crop in the United States was 75,284,000 bushels short of the 1915 crop. Germany's crop was 1,212,530,000 bushels short and Great Britain's almost 80,000,000 bushels short. The crop in France was about 15,000,000 short.

Statistics show that about \$4,000,000 worth of firewood is used annually on the farms of the State, but Pennsylvania ranks as one of the small consumers in the total of \$225,426,000 worth of firewood used on the farms of the United States.

### BIG COVE TANNERY.

We are having some fine weather surely summer is not far away.

The sick people in this neighborhood are rapidly improving. Dorothy Kirk and Cecil Mellott are home from C. V. S. N. S., spending their Easter vacation.

A log measuring 5 ft, across the stump, 8 ft, long and containing 645 ft., was sawed on Rowe Mellott's sawmill at Geo. Unger's. It required six horses and two drivers to get the huge block to the mill.

Charley Gordon has left for Pittsburgh where he expects to get employment.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shaffer are visiting the latter's mother Mrs. Jane A. Morgret.

A Union Sunday School was organized at Laurel Ridge last Sunday electing Stanley Humbert Superintendent and Robert Mellott Assistant Superintendent.

Walker Richards has moved into the house purchased from S. S. Mellott, which was last occupied by Miss Savannah Stevens who moved into Frank Deshong's tenant house.

Edward Richards spent Saturday and Sunday with his brother-in-law, David Bivans.

Sunday School at the Lutheran church next Sunday at 1:30 p. m. and preaching at 2:30.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Houpt, of near Mercersburg, visited friends in Ayr township last Thursday.

## YOUR HEALTH AND THE WAR

### Little Talks on Health and Hygiene by Samuel G. Dixon, M. D., LL. D., Commissioner of Health.

If we are to go to war, let us have the lesson of the tremendous bearing of health problems on our armies camp and our citizens at home well learned beforehand so that we may not have to learn it by bitter and calamitous experience. It would seem to be a late date to have to point out the almost self-evident fact that sickness will decrease the national efficiency by just so much whether it be among soldiers or non-combatants, but the general public does not yet give enough attention to this aspect of war's demands, the accent being placed on more spectacular elements of preparedness.

Each individual must consider himself a unit of our great population to be kept able to meet whatever comes along. If there was ever a time when the individual had the duty of taking thought of how he could keep in good health, it is now.

One of the first elements of the health of a nation at war or at peace, for that matter is its food. It cannot be healthy and strong without good food and plenty of it. Therefore agriculture and gardening must be intelligently and intensively stimulated, so that larger crops shall be brought forth.

The housewife's task will be to economize the food supply and cook it with skill, so as to make her meals tasty and digestible.

The streams from which our domestic water supply comes should be carefully guarded against pollution, so that communities shall not run the risk of being infected with some deadly disease.

Vaccination against typhoid is a valuable step in preparedness under conditions as they are at present, and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, through the agents of the Department of Health, is prepared to give the virus for vaccination to those who cannot afford to purchase it.

While our water supplies have been improved in the Commonwealth so that typhoid fever has been cut down 75 per cent. vaccination against it during this emergency should bridge us over a period when we must attain highest efficiency of health and give the health departments throughout the Commonwealth time to continue their work of reducing the pollutions of our streams, and enable our people to go with their daily labors and produce food and all other things necessary for us to maintain our strength during any war.

Smallpox is a loathsome disease that is often fatal and under the best of circumstances creates a long period of incapacity for work and one which demands the strictest kind of quarantining of all who may occupy the same home. This can be absolutely prevented by vaccination. The presence or smallpox would greatly handicap the efficiency of our great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in serving the nation in time of war.

The Life Extension Institute, with whom we are working, has estimated that nearly half the body building food and 70 per cent. of the sustaining food on American tables is derived from grains such as wheat, oats, corn, rye, barley, rice and buckwheat, and that these grains are to the human machinery what coal is to manufacturing industries, the great source of heat and power.

The time has come to consider these matters in a spirit of patriotism. It is the duty of every citizen to attain physical fitness and of the people as a whole, to take measures for the increased production of food materials.

Wanton destruction of food is an injury to our country just as positively as destruction of munitions or arms, for in the last

## MAY SEE SOLDIERS.

### No Doubt Government Plans to Use Lincoln Highway on Which to Move Troops.

The general guess that the Lincoln Highway may be used as a military artery, a road to move large bodies of troops between the East and West, is becoming more generally favored and is believed in by more and more people daily.

The idea is enhanced by an incident noted on Memorial Circle in Chambersburg last Saturday morning says Franklin Repository. A large touring car driven by a khaki clad chauffeur came from the east on Lincoln Way and half circled the memorial fountain in Memorial Circle. As the car passed Chief of Police Klensing one of the two men on the rear seat threw a military salute to the Chief and it was observed that the two men in the car as passengers were United States Army officers.

The car momentarily halted at the fountain and the two men looked north on Main street and one made some notes on a pad or book in his hands. The car then rolled on westward over Lincoln Way.

In the event of war the Lincoln Highway would be the equal of the P. R. R. as a means of moving large bodies of troops. The motor car can run an average of 20 to 25 miles an hour, which exceeds the steam roads record during the movement to and from the Mexican border. Cars can be secured to an almost limitless number, even commanding what are needed. There would be no interference by other traffic and the Government beyond doubt is going to use the great highway in just that manner.

All of which means that McConnellsburg as Chambersburg may get some first hand views of military operations this summer.

### C. L. S. C. Program.

April 9 1. Roll Call—Scriptural Quotations. 2. Talk on Leopold 1—Harriet Sloan. 3. Sketch of Malterlinck—Mary Pittman. 4. Talk, Leopold 2 and the development of the Congo States—Mary Trout. 5. Treaty of Ghent—Rev. Jackson. 6. Review of Chapters 29 and 30—Mrs. Henry.

April 16, 1. Roll Call, Quotations from Favorite Authors. 2. Belgium Boundaries—Mrs. Stevens. 3. The Two Nationalities of Belgium—Mrs. McKibbin. 4. History Touching on the Principal points of Belgium—Mrs. George Reisner.

April 23. This week we take up the last book of the 1916-17 course, "What Men Fight For." 1. Roll Call, Current Events. 2. The Author's Purpose—Mrs. W. A. Sloan. 3. Locate the Red, the Adriatic, and the Mediterranean Seas—Mrs. Mosser. 4. Debate, Resolved that Nations Colonize to Promote National Ideals and not for Commerce—Miss McGovern and Mr. Smith. 5. Talk, Race Unity the Cause of War—Mrs. Peck. 6. Talk, Religion and Commerce as Causing War—Rev. Jackson.

April 30 1. Roll Call, Current Events. 2. Talk, How Did England Acquire Gibraltar—Mrs. Hull. 3. Talk, History of Suez Canal, Netha Nesbit. 4. The Panama Canal as a Rival of the Mediterranean Sea—Mrs. Henry. 5. Review of Chapters 3, 4 and 5.

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analysis a nation that is well fed is the nation that will prevail. These are matters already claiming the attention of the Federal Government.

Hand to hand with the mobilization of factories and munitions must go the mobilization of agricultural products the planting of as many acres of land as possible with grain and vegetables and the distribution of the crops in the most economical way.